

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1382

To establish requirements and restrictions for the commercial, charter, and recreational red snapper fishing seasons in the Gulf of Mexico for the 2017 and 2018 fishing seasons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2017

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. BYRNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Give Our Fishermen
5 Immediate Snapper Help Act” or the “GOFISH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RED SNAPPER FISHING SEASONS IN THE GULF OF**
2 **MEXICO.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of
4 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
5 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), any fishery manage-
6 ment plan under that Act, or any other Federal law, for
7 each of the 2017 fishing season and 2018 fishing season—

8 (1) the red snapper fishing season for the rec-
9 reational fishing sector in the Gulf of Mexico—

10 (A) shall be 62 consecutive days in dura-
11 tion; and

12 (B) shall begin on July 1;

13 (2) the allocation of red snapper, and the dura-
14 tion of the red snapper fishing season, for the com-
15 mercial fishing sector in the Gulf of Mexico shall be
16 the same as the allocation and duration, respectively,
17 that applied to such sector for the 2016 fishing sea-
18 son;

19 (3) the allocation of red snapper, and the dura-
20 tion of the red snapper fishing season, for the char-
21 ter fishing sector in the Gulf of Mexico may not be
22 less than the allocation and duration that applied to
23 such sector for the 2016 fishing season; and

24 (4) the red snapper catch limit and size limit
25 for each such sector shall be no less than the catch

1 limit and size limit, respectively, that applied to such
2 sector for the 2016 fishing season.

3 (b) PROPOSED RULE.—The Secretary of Commerce
4 shall issue a proposed rule to implement subsection (a)
5 for the 2017 fishing season and 2018 fishing season, re-
6 spectively.

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